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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4004

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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USDEL JEC PARIS

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USDAO SAIGON

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354 TFW KORAT RTAFB  
56 SOW NKP  
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8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LOAS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3512

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - MAY 8

CINCPAC FOR POLAD AND DWORKEN; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW, 354  
TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO.

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - AIR AND GROUND MILITARY ACTION  
THROUGHOUT LAOS WAS EXTREMELY LIGHT ON 7 MAY. TWO MINOR  
INCIDENTS OCCURRED: ONE EACH IN MR' S I AND V. (LATE  
REPORTS INDICATE MINOR INCIDENT, WITH NO CASUALTIES,  
OCCURRED 6 MAY IN MR III.) RLAF FLEW TOTAL OF 10 SORTIES,  
7 IN SUPPORT OF SAR UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO LOCATE MISSING U. S.  
CONTRACT AIRCRAFT. POLITICAL- LPF SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI DISCUSSES  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SELECTED MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. LPF  
ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF REPRESENTATION IN  
CUBA. LAO PARLIAMENTARIANS MOVE AHEAD WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION  
ON PROBLEMS OF PEACE IN SOUTHEASTASIA AT IPU MEETING. END  
SUMMARY.

1. SECTION I- CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: FRIENDLY PLATOON ENGAGED IN MINOR 15 - MINUTE  
FIRE FIGHT WITH 8 ENEMY APPROXIMATELY 10 KM EAST OF LUANG  
PRABANG ( NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

B. MR II: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED. RLAF FLEW 7 T-28  
SORTIES IN UNSUCCESSFUL SAF EFFORT TO LOCATE MISSION  
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CONTINENTAL AIRCRAFT WITH DISAPPEARED 6 MAY.

C. MR III: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED 7 MAY. LATE  
REPORT INDICATES ONE MINOR ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE OCCURRED  
6 MAY AGAINST FRIENDLY POSITIONS 33 KM SOUTHEAST OF  
THAKHEK ( NO CASUALTIES). RLAF RESPONDED WITH ONE AC-47  
SORTIE.

D. MR IV: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED.

E. MR V: MINOR CLASH BETWEEN FRIENDLY PATROL AND ENEMY SQUAD TOOK PLACE 7 MAY IN AREA 8 KM SOUTHWEST OF BAN DONE (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF FLEW TWO T-28 SORTIES, DESTROYING TWO "MILITARY STRUCTURES" ON EDGE OF NAM NGUM LAKE.

F. AN EXTENSIVE SAR EFFORT ON MAY 7 TO LOCATE MISSING U. S. CONTRACT AIRCRAFT YIELDED NO RESULTS.

## 2. SECTION II - POLITICAL SITUATION

A. XAT LAO, MAY 8, CARRIERS AN ACCOUNT OF LUNCHEON THAT LEADING LPF REPS IN VIENTIANE, INCLUDING PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, HAD ON MAY 6 WITH 11 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. PHOUMI REPORTEDLY ATTRIBUTED NEGOTATING DELAYS TO RLG, SAYING LPF READY TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PHOUMI REFERRED TO NEED FOR TALKS TO PROCEED IN "THREE MAJOR STAGES." HE THEN TALKED ABOUT LPF DESIRE TO HAVE: (A) POSITION OF VICE PRIME MINISTER; (B) ABSOLUTE EQUITY IN DIVISION OF PORTFOLIOS; AND (C) GUARANTEES OF SECURITY IN LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE. (COMMENT: IT IS NOTE-WORTHY THAT PHOUMI RAISED QUESTION OF SECURITY GUARANTEES AT THIS TIME. PRECEDING DAY, CHARGE HAD, IN CONVERSATION WITH PHOUMI, NOTED THAT WE COULD UNDERSTAND LPF DEMAND FOR PROTECTION OF THEIR MINISTERS IN COALITION GOVERNMENT AND, CONSEQUENTLY, SAW A RATIONALE IN LINKING FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT TO FINDING WAYS OF PROTECTING SAFETY OF LPF MINISTERS.)

B. PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY, MAY 7, ANNOUNCED THAT LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD ISSUED COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT IT HAD AGREED WITH GOVERNMENT OF CUBA TO ESTABLISH LPF REPRESENTATION IN CUBA. HAVANNA MISSION WOULD BE SECOND OFFICIAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATION FOR LPF, WHICH CONVERTED ITS INFORMATION OFFICE IN HANOI TO FORMAL REPRESENTATION IN MID-1972.

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C. ACCORDING TO LAO PRESSE, THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY UNION MEETING IN ABIDJAN APPROVED, FOR DEBATE AT THE 1974 IPU MEETING, A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WHILE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IS BROADER IN SCOPE THAN AN EARLIER RLG DRAFT, IT DOES ENDORSE THE PARIS AND VIENTIANE ACCORDS AND CALLS FOR THEIR STRICT IMPLEMENTATION. IT ALSO URGES THAT A SIMILAR AGREEMENT BE CONCLUDED FOR CAMBODIA. (COMMENT: THE DRAFT RESOLUTION HAS BEEN A PROJECT OF THE LAO PARLIAMENTARIANS, HEADED

BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT CHAO SOPSAISANA.)  
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